

RE: Your complaint

Von:

Senior Proctor (Senior.Proctor@proctors.ox.ac.uk)

Gesendet: Dienstag, 18. August 2009 10:38:53

An: kevin galalae (kgalalae@hotmail.com)

Dear Mr Galalae,

I have just returned to the office and am addressing your various communications. I have not devolved the Proctors' responsibility to judge your case. You were not a matriculated student at Oxford, but a participant in a short, non-award-bearing, online course. The disciplinary procedures for these courses are governed by the Department for Continuing Education's own regulations, and I have acted to ensure those regulations are properly followed. This is an appropriate and proportionate way of dealing with your case and not a departure from the norm. With regard to your requests for access to various documents and websites, I gather these are being dealt with by the Department and by the University's data protection officer.

Martin Williams

Professor M.S. Williams
Senior Proctor

kevin galalae <kgalalae@hotmail.com>
29/07/09 15:12

To Martin Williams <senior.proctor@proctors.ox.ac.uk>
cc
Subject RE: Your complaint

Dear Professor Williams,

As you have already determined, the Regulations were not followed by the Department of Continuing Education, which is why the case was referred to the Proctors' office in the first place, it being the next, highest and last body of adjudication at Oxford University. The reason an unresolved dispute is to be judged by a body external to the department where the conflict ensued and was not resolved, is to ensure that an objective and independent body has a chance to reach an independent verdict. By devolving the Proctors' responsibility to judge my case from the extra-departmental body the Proctors represent to the intra-departmental body of a panel of designated Continuing Education staff members, while also being deprived of the option to further appeal the panel's judgement, I am being denied the opportunity to have my case heard by the University's highest adjudicating body. I therefore wish to make my objection to this departure from the norm part of the public record.

Furthermore, I also fear that this devolvment of responsibilities will enable the Department of Continuing Education to reject my request for access to the evidence, which is a right given to appellants by the Regulations governing the actions and process of the University Proctors. To dissuade me that this move is indeed not intended as a technical manoeuvre to allow the University to withhold incriminating evidence from my scrutiny, I hereby ask that the Proctors compel the officers of the Department of Continuing Education to grant me access to the evidence I have requested. This will go a long way in showing that, as you have declared, "the Regulations for the Panel require it to take advice from the Proctors" and that

this is the case in practice and not just in theory.

I therefore reiterate my request for:

1. access to the Political Philosophy course website
2. a complete copy of the file submitted to the Proctors' office by the Department of Continuing Education
3. a complete copy of Dr. De Grandis' email communications as tutor of the course, as found on tutor.politicalphilo@conted.ox.ac.uk, and/or access to the said email address.

The last request is necessary since it will allow me to substantiate several suspicions, the most important of which are: (1) that Dr. De Grandis has used Max Tant as a proxy to engage in debates with me, a fact which he negates despite the evidence; (2) that Ivor Middleton and Dr. De Grandis have conspired to expel me from the course; and (3) that Dr. De Grandis has expelled me from the course not as a result of the alleged breach of netiquette but to satisfy his own prejudices against me.

I base my request on section 11.3 of Oxford's Disciplinary Procedures, which entitles me, as a student defendant, to a series of statutory rights, of which "to know the full evidence against [me]" is one of them.

Should my request be granted, I will have the necessary tools to prepare a proper defence and will therefore subject myself (with the reservation already stated) to the Panel of the Continuing Education Department. Should my request be denied, I will turn my case to the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC), as the watchdog responsible for upholding human rights and combating prejudice and discrimination in accordance with the Equality Act of 2006 and the European Convention on Human Rights.

I trust you will act in accordance with what is right.

Sincerely,

Kevin Galalae

To: kgalalae@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: Your complaint
From: Senior.Proctor@proctors.ox.ac.uk
Date: Wed, 29 Jul 2009 10:21:22 +0100

Dear Mr Galalae,

My ruling is intended to ensure that your case is handled in accordance with the Regulations as far as possible. I am not prepared to change that approach. All members of the Panel will be senior members of staff who I would expect to approach the case in an objective and independent manner - I do not accept your suggestion that they would act unprofessionally out of deference to the Director.

Nevertheless, in response to your concerns, I have asked that the Panel member standing in for the Director should be a senior member of the University who is not a member of the Continuing Education Department. I would also point out that the Regulations for the Panel require it to take advice from the Proctors. I believe that these provisions are sufficient to ensure the Panel reaches an independent decision, not influenced by its members' relationships with the Director.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Williams

Professor M.S. Williams
Senior Proctor

kevin galalae <kgalalae@hotmail.com> 28/07/09 22:13

To <senior.proctor@proctors.ox.ac.uk>
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Subject RE: Your complaint

Dear Professor Williams,
Please see the enclosed letter.
Sincerely,
Kevin Galalae

To: kgalalae@hotmail.com
Subject: Your complaint
From: Senior.Proctor@proctors.ox.ac.uk
Date: Tue, 28 Jul 2009 16:56:22 +0100

Dear Mr Galalae,

I attach a PDF document setting out my determination of your recent complaint.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Williams

Professor M.S. Williams
Senior Proctor